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MINUTES

COUNCIL OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING August 23, 2011

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Jeffery Schielke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., members and attendees introduced themselves (listed below) and a quorum was determined to be present.

Executive Committee and Elected Officials

Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chairman Batavia, Kane President Dave Brady Bedford Park, Southwest Mayor Roger Claar Bolingbrook, Will **President Rodney Craig** Hanover Park, DuPage President Jim Discipio Village of LaGrange Park, Central Mayor Larry Hartwig Addison, DuPage Mayor Jim Holland Frankfort, Will President Larry Keller West Dundee, Kane President Al Larson Schaumburg, Northwest Mayor Arlene Mulder Arlington Heights, Northwest Mayor Leon Rockingham North Chicago, Lake President William Rodeghier Western Springs, Central Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin Northlake, North Central Mayor George Van Dusen Skokie, North Shore

Transportation Operators and Planning Officials

Mike Albin Liaison, DuPage Council of Mayors Liaison, Southwest Council of Mayors Allison Bos **Bruce Carmitchel** IDOT, OP&P, Central Office Bruce Christensen Liaison, Lake Council of Mayors John Donovan Federal Highway Administration **Bud Fleming** Liaison, South Council of Mayors Tam Kutzmark Trans. Dir., DuPage Council of Mayors Andrew Plummer **Regional Transportation Authority Patrick Higgins** Village of Western Springs Huge O'Hara Liaison, Will Council of Mayors Ed Paesel South Suburban Mayors and Managers Chad Riddle IDOT, Local Roads, District One Dave Seglin Chicago Dept. of Transportation

Chris Staron Liaison, North Shore Council of Mayors Mike Sullivan Liaison, Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors Jan Ward Liaison, Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors Mike Walczak Liaison, Northwest Council of Mayors

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Pete Saunders Local Planning
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Drew Williams-Clark Local Planning

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – May 24, 2011

The minutes of the May 24, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Implementation of GO TO 2040

4.1 Local Technical Assistance Program

Mr. Saunders gave a presentation on the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program whereby technical assistance is provided to local governments, counties and nonprofits interested in addressing local planning issues. LTA is a part of the implementation of GO TO 2040. Twenty-four projects are ongoing, with one or two new projects initiated each month. Most of the current projects will be completed in December. Another call for projects is anticipated in the fall.

4.2 Community Planning Program

Ms. Banks provided an update on the Community Planning Program, a partnership between CMAP and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). This partnership is designed to expand and add value to the RTA's Community Planning Program by including comprehensive planning as an eligible activity. The CMAP Board approved

eight projects at their August 10 meeting. Consultant services are being procured currently and the projects should be underway within two months.

4.3 2010 CMAP Municipal Programs and Operations Survey

Mr. Williams-Clark provided a presentation of the preliminary analysis and draft recommendations of the 2010 CMAP municipal programs and operations survey. Seventy-four percent of municipal governments responded, representing 94% of the region's population. Mr. Williams-Clark's presentation can be found with the <u>agenda</u> on the CMAP website.

5.0 Transportation Programming Updates/Action Items

5.1 STP Status Report/Active Program Management

Mr. Riddle presented CMAP's STP expenditure report and discussed the estimated number of projects and dollar amount to be obligated on upcoming lettings.

5.2 2010 Census

Ms. Ostdick reported that since the 2010 Census information is now available, once again municipalities spanning county borders had the choice of which council they would program their STP funds through. The municipalities were given a deadline of August 1, 2011 to notify CMAP if they wish to change for their current arrangements. She stated no municipalities showed interest in changing councils. This information is used to calculate the new STP programming marks which are based on population of each council. Some municipalities split their population and program in more than one council.

5.3 Advance Funding Policies

Mr. Christensen described the next steps in the development of an advance funding policy and suggested that the new policy could be put into the Executive Committee bylaws or prepared as a standalone policy document. He offered to put together a draft for the Mayors' consideration at an upcoming meeting.

5.4 Advance Funding Requests

Ms. Daigle described the STP advanced funding requests from the DuPage and McHenry Councils which were approved by the officers since the last Committee meeting and totaled \$7.162 million in federal STP dollars. Then she explained the current request regarding the Pingree Road and Virginia Road projects in the McHenry Council which totaled \$2.38 million. On a motion by Mayor Sherwin and a second by Mayor Larson, the requests were approved.

5.5 CMAQ Proposed Program

Mr. Ferguson briefed the Committee on the FFY 2012-2016 proposed Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement program which totals \$411 million and funds 115 projects. The CMAP Transportation Committee released the proposed program for public review on August 5th. He explained the GO TO 2040 focused programming process and the four focus groups. There are 44 projects included in the multi-year B (MYB) List. Projects on this list show strong air quality and congestion

benefits and good support in implementing GO TO 2040. Mayor Hartwig asked how the programming mark of \$411 million was developed and Mr. Ferguson replied that in the absence of a new federal transportation authorization, staff used the funding levels from SAFETEA-LU.

5.6 CMAQ Program Management

Ms. Ostdick briefed the Committee on the results of the May 2011 CMAQ Project status updates. Thirty-six percent of the project phases due to be obligated by September 30th were under contract by May and of the 95 project phases that are not under contract, 63% of them have already had at least one one-time move. If those projects are not obligated by the end of the federal fiscal year (9/30/11) they may be considered for removal from the program. She reported that CMAQ's unobligated balance is still around \$300 million, resulting in the loss of \$30 million in CMAQ funding in the June rescission. The rescission impacted the mark for the FFY 2012-16 program. Ms. Ostdick and Chairman Schielke emphasized the importance of getting both CMAQ and STP projects obligated quickly. The mayors asked for a list of projects with balances in each council for following up with their member communities. CMAP will again distribute the list of projects.

6.0 Reauthorization

Mr. Kopec briefed the Committee on progress toward reauthorization of the federal transportation bill. He indicated that action was not expected by the September 30th expiration of both SAFETEA-LU's extension and the Gas Tax authorization, which could mean an estimated loss of \$100 million per day in tax collections. Because the situation is so critical, Mayor Schielke urged members to contact their congressmen to make sure they understand the importance and local impacts. The Committee asked CMAP staff to prepare talking points and provide them to all the COGs and Councils so that follow up contact can be undertaken. There was discussion of sending a letter from the Council of Mayors Executive Committee, but it was thought that a volume of calls and letters that were consistent in thrust, but individualized with concerns/impacts that relate in that congressman's district would be more effective. Mr. Kopec agreed CMAP would develop and distribute talking points.

7.0 Quick Take Right-of-Way

Mr. Walczak briefed the Committee on the issue of protracted ROW acquisition associated with some transportation improvement projects. He said that while there is a remedy through the state legislature which can give a community a form of quick take on a case by case basis, that process is also slow. He said that he is investigating the issue and will report back to the Executive Committee with findings. If appropriate a guide may be created.

8.0 State Legislative Session Recap

Ms. Capriccioso drew the Committee's attention to CMAP's legislative update memo provided with the agenda and answered questions. Chairman Schielke voiced his concerns for the state of the Illinois budget and the possibility of diversions from the road fund being drawn to help with general revenue obligations. Mr. Blankenhorn explained the recent history of diversions and pointed out that one year of a diversion for Amtrak, schools, or

free transit rides for seniors was common, but setting up such draws as an ongoing commitment would be much worse. He assured the Committee that CMAP is monitoring the situation.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business brought before the Committee.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council of Mayors Executive Committee was set for November 8, 2011 at 10 a.m. in the CMAP offices.

12.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.